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Extension of the first country cooperation framework for Equatorial Guinea

Note by the Administrator

Extension period:
January 2001 to December 2001

1. The first country cooperation framework for Equatorial Guinea, covering the period 1998-2000, was approved by the Executive Board at its third regular session 1998. It is structured around two areas of concentration: (a) poverty eradication and (b) good governance.

2. The Government has requested an extension of the current country cooperation framework for one year in order to allow all organizations of the United Nations system operating in Equatorial Guinea to harmonize their programming cycles with one another, on the one hand, and with the Government's second medium-term social and economic development strategy on the other. The current strategy, which was approved in 1997, will expire in December 2001.

3. For programmes/projects continuing beyond December 2000, the extension will allow the fulfilment of the Administrator's guidelines and provide access to TRAC (targets for resource assignment from the core) resources. As government priorities remained unchanged following the mid-term evaluation of the national strategy in November 1999, the areas covered in the country cooperation framework remain relevant to that strategy.

4. Moreover, the extension to December 2001 will permit the joint review of the country cooperation framework and of the assistance programme of the United Nations Population Fund, with a view to analysing the relevance of its results with regard to national strategy development goals and examining the lessons which need to be taken into consideration when preparing the next country cooperation framework.

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5. In view of the foregoing, the Administrator wishes to notify the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first country cooperation framework for Equatorial Guinea for one year, beginning on 1 January 2000.